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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
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NOTIFICATION

The 9th December, 2011.

No.POL.214/91/279.—The Notification No.S.O. 2506 (E), dated 4th November, 2011 published by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, declaring the entire State of Assam and 20 Kms. wide belt in the State of Meghalaya along the Border with Assam as 'Disturbed Area' Under Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 is hereby republished for general information.

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

New Delhi, the 4th November, 2011.

No.S.O.2506(E).—Whereas the Central Government in exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (28 of 1958) had declared the entire State of Assam as 'disturbed area' with effect from 27th November, 1990 *vide* Notification SO 916 (E), dated 27th November, 1990.

And whereas the Central Government in exercise of power conferred by Section 3 of the aforesaid Act had also declared besides other areas, the areas falling within 20 kms wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya along their border with the State of Assam as 'disturbed area'.

And whereas the declaration that the State of Assam and areas falling within 20 kms wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya along their border with the State of Assam shall be 'disturbed area' under the aforesaid Act was extended from time to time after reviewing the law and order situation in the State of Assam and aforesaid areas.

And whereas a further review of the law and order situation in Assam and 20 Kms wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya bordering Assam indicates the following:-

- i) The law and order situation in the State of Assam has continued to be a matter of concern due to the violent incidents by underground outfits.
- ii) During the period January to September 2011, the Under Ground Outfits were involved in 111 incidents of violence in Assam which resulted in killings of 29 persons including 14 security personnel.
- iii) The militant outfits operating in the area continue to affirm their faith in armed struggle and indulge in acts

of violence to create panic among the common people, disturb the administrative system and extort from the people.

- iv) The areas falling in the 20 Kms wide belt inside Arunachal Pradesh have witnessed deterioration in law and order due to militant activities in the districts of Tirap, Changlang, Lohit, East and west Siang and Lower Dibang Valley districts. The bordering areas of Assam with Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya have remained infested with by militant activities. Militants continue to carry out extortion activities in the bordering villages. During the year 2011, suspected National Liberation Council of Taniland (NLCT) UGs of Arunachal Pradesh was found involved in extortion activities in Ramghat (Arunachal Pradesh), Nagabil, Gosala, Uttar Daribil (all under PS Helem, District Sonitpur) with the help of NDHB. ULFA (AT) cadres operating in Lower Assam are taking shelter in Garo Hills Districts of Meghalaya. The Garo National Liberation Army (GNLA) is also reported to be facilitating the ULFA (AT) in establishing safe shelter/base in Bangladesh, bordering the Garo Hills Districts of Meghalaya. In Meghalaya, the NDFB (AT) has also established links with the GNLA and cadres of both the outfits are known to operate jointly

Now, therefore the entire State of Assam and 20 kms wide belt in the State of Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya bordering Assam shall continue to- be 'disturbed area' under Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 upto one year unless withdrawn earlier.

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